

SIX-YEAR-OLD KILLED BY AUTO

Year's 3rd Road Death

A six-year-old Torrance boy became the city's third traffic fatality of 1959 Friday evening when he was struck by a car near his home on Plaza Del Amo at Carson St.

Joseph Medrano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Medrano, 263 Plaza Del Amo, was struck by a car driven by Bruno Joseph Uberti, 38, an aircraft worker of 4029 W. 184th St. Uberti was not held.

Investigating officers said the lad apparently started to cross the street in front of the Uberti auto when he was struck. The driver and parents of the boy rushed him to the offices of Dr. Don Moschos who said he was dead on arrival. The boy was then taken to Riviera Hospital and police were notified.

An autopsy performed yesterday indicated that the lad died instantly.

Funeral services will be held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 10 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Joseph McArdle, pastor of the Nativity Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Leo, Dickie, and Johnny, and one sister, Gloria.

NOTES ANNIVERSARY
L. E. Trotter, 21318 S. Western Ave., marks 30 years of service with General Petroleum Corporation this month, where he is a leadman in the refining maintenance department.

DRIVER KILLED IN L. A.

A Torrance milk truck driver was killed Thursday morning in a collision at Florence and Normandie Aves. in Los Angeles.

Charles H. Breuer, 38, of 335 W. 223rd St., was pinned under his truck for 40 minutes before he could be removed. He was pronounced dead on the scene.

Police said an auto driven by William R. Tidwell, 63, of Inglewood, was traveling east on Florence when it collided with Breuer's milk truck, which was southbound. Tidwell was booked on suspicion of manslaughter. He told police he did not see the truck until it was too late to stop.

Breuer was thrown out of the truck by the impact, and pinned when the truck turned over on him.

ASSEMBLY BACKS KONYA DAY FETE

The city's special Konya Day celebration here next Saturday has received the special blessing of the Assembly in a House Resolution adopted this week on the recommendation of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

Citing President Eisenhower's "people to people" program and the city's efforts to implement this program with its association with Konya, Turkey; the Thomas resolution commended the action of Konya and Torrance and congratulated the people for their "inspiring example of the fight that individual municipalities can wage against the expansion of international Communism."

The action of the cities of Konya and Torrance is "representative of the mutual trust and understanding that exist between the peoples of our two great nations," the resolution stated.

Educators End Trip

Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance school superintendent, A. N. Posner, and S. E. Waldrip returned this week from Atlantic City, N. J., where they have been attending the 91st annual convention of the American Assn. of School Administrators, which ended Wednesday.

Topics studied by 16,000 educators who attended the meet included the humanities and creative arts, testing, transportation, curriculum planning, business management, school plant, and finance.

Gang War Averted

Nab 56 Teeners in Curfew Violations

Fast action on the part of Torrance police may have turned aside a serious gang fight Friday night, it was reported yesterday.

Checking rumors that "something was brewing," police broke up a large assemblage of teenagers in the downtown Torrance area, arresting 56 for violation of the city's curfew laws.



RECUPERATING . . . Four-year-old Darrel Almanza, who was rushed to Riviera Hospital earlier this week with serious injuries which included a ruptured spleen, is shown recuperating following surgical removal of the spleen. Theories that his injuries came from a hit-run accident were dispelled this week. It was determined that he fell from a porch across a planter box.

Those arrested included boys and girls and ranged in ages from 13 to 17, and came from Wilmington, Gardena, Torrance and Redondo Beach.

The juveniles were released to their parents and ordered to reappear for hearings into the matter at a later date, according to Juvenile Officer Leo Gonzales.

Reports that chains and other weapons were being carried by some of the suspects were refuted by arresting officers who found no such instruments.

Several threats of gang fights have been reported in recent weeks, but previous attempts by police to round up the juveniles failed when the gangs were dispersed before police arrived on the scene.

22 Nurses Get Caps

Twenty-two vocational nursing students, who successfully completed the initial phase of their vocational nurse training at Torrance Evening High School and local hospitals, were "capped" Sunday afternoon during ceremonies held at the Torrance YWCA.

Speakers were Dr. Herschel Kopp, attending surgeon of Hawthorne Community, Riviera and Torrance hospitals, and Victor Kilburn, principal, Torrance Evening High School.

Caps were presented by Mrs. Georgia Duehring, Mrs. Evelyn Conavello, Mrs. Margaret Burch, Mrs. Rose Smith, and Miss Ruth J. Morrison.

Student nurses receiving caps at the rites included Janice Frazee, Edith M. Meader, Norma Nix, Luella Walker, Joy A. Baldwin, Mary E. James, Edith Morgan, Dora Pacheco, Marion Wylie, Mildred Zimmerman, Jean Schramm, Viola Cifra, Grace Dalton, Cecilia Ellis, Maxine Lane, Julia Gates, Sylvia Blair, Sophia Herman, Katherine Howard, Jean Scott,

Schools Closed

Students in the Torrance schools will get a one-day holiday tomorrow in honor of the birthday of George Washington.

Although Washington's birthday falls on Sunday, state law requires that the schools have



DRIVE APPROVED . . . Mayor Albert Isen holds two-year-old Tommy on his lap after signing a proclamation setting Feb. 24 to March 29 aside for the local funds raising drive for crippled children through the sale of Easter Seals. Mrs. Herman Tillim, Pilot Club committee chairman for the appeal, looks on. Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilkins, 25241 Denny Rd., has had an affliction in both legs since birth. (Herald Photo)



PROOF OF NEED . . . With the Heart Association's Heart Sunday funds raising drive in effect today, Dorothy Perkins (standing) of 17727 Atkinson; and Terry Larsen, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Larsen, 1249 W. 212th St., met yesterday to discuss their recovery from heart ailments through treatment advanced by the association. Mrs. R. E. Shaffer, community chairman for the local drive, holds Halldale student's hand. (Herald Photo)

Volunteers Ready For Heart Drive

Heart Sunday, the climax of the Heart Ass'n's funds raising campaign, is being held from 1 to 5 p.m. today throughout the country, and on the local front over a thousand workers will be calling house-to-house seeking contributions to this worthy cause.

Mrs. Dorothy Perkins is Heart Sunday chairman and Mrs. R. E. Shaffer, a recovered heart patient through the research and facilities of the association, is community chairman.

The 1959 Heart Fund campaign for \$1,100,000 to support research and services aimed at reducing the toll of cardiovascular disease, will continue through the month of February and is being conducted by the Los Angeles County Heart Assn.

NATIONALLY, the American Heart Assn. and its affiliates hope to collect \$32,000,000 to advance the attack on diseases of the heart and circulation which cause more than half of all deaths and handicap 10,000,000 persons.

James S. Cantlen, vice president and general manager of Pacific Telephone, and Los

Supervisors OK Court Revision

On motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the Board of Supervisors this week endorsed legislation pending in Sacramento which would authorize creation of nine multi-judge regional Superior Courts for Los Angeles County.

Approval of the legislation was "in principle," with the understanding that the Board of Supervisors would fix the actual boundaries of the districts at a later date.

The Board of Supervisors also voted to advise the State Legislature that it favors the consolidation of the Municipal and Superior courts into one, uniform court system, which Supervisor Hahn stated was the "ultimate solution to the present wasteful court system."



NEW BUS SERVICE . . . Greeted at the new Broadway Del Amo as the city inaugurated bus service to the Del Amo Shopping Center is Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain (near bus). Welcoming the bus service is William Belding, manager of the new Broadway Del Amo. Chamberlain said bus service to the center is being planned from all parts of the city. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you believe that 'gifted children' benefit greatly from the present system of instruction within the regularly-graded class or do you feel that they would gain more by being taught in special classes?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Edna Henry, 616 E. 227th St., Wilmington, telephone operator: "I really think they should be in special classes. That would enable the teacher to have more time to devote to them and would give them an opportunity to cover more material in their studies."



Robert E. Crane, 1344 W. 216th St., clerk driver at Rome Cable: "If they have more talent to begin with, they could go farther towards developing this talent if they were in special classes. It would help society by developing greater abilities of potential engineers and scientists."



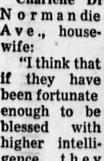
Mrs. Edith Hagler, 25303 Eshelman, Lomita, housewife: "They should be segregated. I firmly believe that children with superior capabilities often get bored because they don't get enough special projects or work. This boredom frequently results in behavior problems."



Betty Skeens, 23330 S. Orchard Ave., Wilmington, waitress: "I think they should be put into special classes. Since they are few and far between, it is hard for them to get full recognition in with all the others. In a special class they could exercise all their ability."



Charlene Dreher, 20939 S. Normandie Ave., housewife: "I think that if they have been fortunate enough to be blessed with higher intelligence, they deserve the chance to develop it to its fullest, which they can best do in a special class. It's like running an eight cylinder car on four cylinders to lump them in ordinary classes."



Ruth Core, 26135 Delos Dr., housewife: "They should be separated. Inasmuch as most children are average, they would gain more by being among children of their mentality."

